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SUB: GREEK VIEWS ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE

AND TURKEY

REF: ATHENS 3655 (DTG 221109Z APR 77)

1. NEWS PROGRAMS ON THE GOVERNMENT-FUN GREEK RADIO THIS AFTERNOON  
REPORT THAT "LATE BULLETINS" FROM WASHINGTON HAVE INDICATED STATE  
DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ STATED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
WILL NOT PRESS FOR PASSAGE OF THE US-TURKISH DCA IN CONGRESS UNTIL  
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THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE NEWS  
REPORTS CONTINUE THAT, BASED ON THE NIMETZ CLARIFICATION, IT IS  
EVIDENT THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CHANGE IN THE CARTER POLICY IN  
THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. FURTHER EVIDENCE, NOTE THE RADIO  
PROGRAMS, IS THE ANGER EXPRESSED BY THE TURKISH MEDIA AGAINST THE  
CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS POSITION ON THE DCA AND FOR REVERT-  
ING BACK TO THE NEGATIVE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT FORD. REPORTING ON

THE WIDELY-VIEWED TV NEWS PROGRAMS THIS EVENING IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE RADIO ACCOUNTS.

2. THE AFTERNOON PRESS, WHICH WAS PUT TO BED EARLY THIS MORNING, ESSENTIALLY REFLECTED THE SAME TYPE OF ANXIOUS REPORTING AS THE MORNING PRESS (REFTEL). THE PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS STRESSED THAT AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD BE EVEN-HANDED AND HIGHLIGHTED TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT ON THE NEED FOR TURKEY TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN. OTHER PAPERS TENDED TO EMPHASIZE ONLY THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GOING TO TURKEY AND THE NEGATIVE REACTION OF THE GREEK-AMERICAN LOBBY IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE CARTER PROPOSALS.  
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